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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 FOR WEEK ENDING 11-Mar-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	03/11/06	03/04/06
Broiler/fryer	164,578	163,964
Light hens	1,000	1,122
Heavy hens	1,493	1,517

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 04-Mar-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	312	0	312
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	228	0	228
Same week yr ago	324	0	324
To-date/2006	2,449	7	2,456
To-date/2005	2,871	4	2,875

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,407	1,527	2,934
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,282	1,516	2,798
Same week yr ago	1,871	1,451	3,322
To-date/2006	13,986	12,643	26,629
To-date/2005	15,686	11,606	27,292

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 WEEK ENDING 04-March-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	158,348	1,095	1,527	2,622
Avg Wt	5.34	3.33	7.96	6.03
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	158,438	1,054	1,516	2,570
Same wk yr ago	160,095	1,547	1,451	2,998
Avg Wt	5.24	3.35	8.01	5.61
To-date/2006	1,441,743	11,537	12,636	24,173
To-date/2005	1,411,064	12,815	11,602	24,417

A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 163.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 160.3 million head, or 3.1 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 25-Feb-06

	(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	22,203	22,565	56,138
Avg Weight	3.82	4.68	6.46
% of total /1	22%	22%	56%
Last week	28,898	15,738	53,304
Avg Weight	3.80	4.76	6.42
% of total /1	30%	16%	54%
Same week, yr ago /2	27,994	20,402	50,222
Avg Weight	3.67	4.75	6.39
% of total /1	28%	21%	51%
To date/2006	212,066	139,877	435,430
To date/2005	207,897	168,420	381,323

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 04-Mar-06  
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	2,086	2,511	23	2	4,622
Avg Wt	17.59	38.14	25.66	28.67	28.80
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,691	2,404	34	0	4,129
Same wk yr ago	1,466	2,470	25	0	3,961
Avg Wt	16.43	38.34	26.53	0.00	30.61
To-date/2006	14,742	22,111	185	32	37,070
To-date/2005	13,699	22,543	267	32	36,541

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.  
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